

Minutes of the East Fork of The Virgin River Annual Distribution Meeting held February 9, 1978, at 10:00 AM in the State Bank of Southern Utah Building in Orderville, Utah.

Mr. Don Norseth, Division of Water Rights, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM, with a statement on the water outlook. He said the water outlook is pretty good with northern Utah in better shape than southern Utah. Mr. Norseth said he doubts if the area around the East Fork is up to 100% of normal. He indicated that the State had faired well through the drought of 1977. The water user's indicated that more than 5 inches of precipitation had fallen since the first of the year.

The minutes of last years meeting were not read as there was a mix-up as to who had taken them last year.

Don Norseth gave the financial statement and entertained a motion for approval. L. Dean Anderson made a motion to approve the financial statement with a second from Cleve Esplin. The motion carried unanimously.

Lawrence Esplin, water commissioner, then made a request that the State Engineer's Office check on the Orderville headgate and measuring device and inform him as to which table he should be reading. Mr. Norseth said that he would have either Gerald Stoker or Ross Miller from the office in Cedar City check with him.

~~Carl~~ <sup>Earl</sup> Sorenson asked why Glendale should be able to sell water on a temporary basis from the river to the oil companies. He felt that the companies of the East Fork should all have a share in the money. Mr. Norseth said that was a local problem and would have to be worked out between the water companies.

Mr. Norseth read the budget from 1977 and asked if there should be any changes for the 1978 budget.

Robert Ramsey made a motion to raise the fee for the commissioner's report to \$50.00. Second by "C" M. L. Drever. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Ramsey then made a motion that the commissioner's salary be raised to \$100.00 per month. Second by Carl Sorenson. Motion Passed.

Mr. Norseth then outlined the budget for 1978 as follows:

1. Commissioner's salary (6 months)	\$ 600.00
1A. Matching Social Security Tax	36.30
1C. Matching State Retirement	55.80
2. Commissioner's travel expense	250.00
3. Bonds and Insurance premiums	25.00
4. Commissioner's Annual Report	50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1017.10</u>

L. Dean Anderson made a motion to accept the budget as outlined. Second by Cleve Anderson. Motion Passed.

~~Cleve Anderson~~ <sup>Esplin</sup> made a motion to leave the assessment the same (\$828.00) and to cover the difference from the reserve account. Second by Bernard Tait. Motion carried.

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A motion was made from the floor that Larry Esplin remain as commissioner.  
Motion passed.

Mr. Norseth said that the State Engineer's office was pleased with Larry's work and would be happy to approve him as commissioner.

Lamond Tait made a motion that the committee remain the same. Second by Robert Ramsey. Motion Carried.

Robert Ramsey made a motion to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Those in attendance were:

Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Ross Miller	Division of Water Rights
"C" M. L. Drever	Water User
Lyle Chamberlain	Water User
Marion Cox	Water User
Carl Sorenson	Water User
Cleve Esplin	Water User
Robert Ramsey	Water User
Lamond V. Tait	Water User
Sharon Lamb	Chairman, East Fork Dist. System
L. Dean Anderson	Pres., Glendale Irrigation Co.
Henry Carroll	Orderville, Ut.
Lawrence Esplin, Jr.	Water Commissioner
I. Mack Esplin	Water User
F. M. Jensen by R. M. Jensen	Water User
Bernard A. Tait	Mt. Carmel, Ut.
Val Hoyt	Orderville, Ut.

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